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Remarks

In the Office Action mailed June 2, 2004, the Examiner appears to have not examined the preliminary amendment filed September 26, 2003. In the preliminary amendment, claims 16-30, 61-74 and 103-130 were cancelled. New claims 145-156 were added. Claims 1-15, 31-60, 75-102 and 131-156 are currently pending.

Applicants elect the species of a method of stimulating the vagus nerve using an electrode inserted in the jugular vein and an electrode positioned on the neck without traverse. Claims corresponding to this species are claims 31-60, 131-144, 147-150 and 155-156. Applicants understand that upon allowance of a generic claim, claims to the additional species will be considered if they are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of the allowed generic claim.

Examination of claims 1-15, 31-60, 75-102 and 131-156 is respectfully solicited.

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